

not be trusted to ensure a fair districting, the U. S. Government had to intervene in that situation and the courts have ordered the states to redistrict in a certain way, and if they don't, the courts will do it for them. It is a tragedy, when we are talking about the welfare of children, that there are people who will time after time after time stand up and say take it to court, let the courts do it. Like on segregation, then we take it to court and win and then what do they say, the courts shouldn't be involved. But they are the ones who said take it to court. The segregation was obvious. The reason segregation in Lincoln is not as obvious because there are not as many nonwhite students in the schools but they have had very derogatory material in the schools in Lincoln which it became my job to try to do something about, not the Lincoln School Board, and you know what I had to do? I had to write a degrading story about little white children to show them the impact of a degrading story about little black children. They couldn't understand the impact of that until I wrote a parallel story degrading little white children. Then they suddenly understood. Why should I have to degrade your child to make you understand that I don't want mine degraded?

SENATOR MARVEL: Your time is up. Senator Koch, do you wish to speak again?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator Chambers, if he would yield?

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Certainly.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Chambers, believe me, I understand your anxieties and many times I guess I somewhat approve of your philosophy if I could be certain that all of the problems would be correctly represented and the best interest of children would be served by a district election. Now the question is, you infer that the court costs in Omaha have been going on and on and on to try and repeal the Eighth Circuit Court decree. The question is, have those that have been elected by district been a part of this charade or have they been opposed and say, let's live with it? This is fair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Some of them have been for it, some against. A majority have been for it, but had there not been district elections, there would not have been anybody to speak in opposition to the attempt to maintain segregation. By having a district election, we now have a split in the opinion of the board and there is discussion with the issues being brought before the public as to why the court decision ought to be upheld, as to why segregation is detrimental, as to why discrimination should be eliminated. Prior to district elections, those issues were not raised on the school board at those meetings. They were raised on the floor of the Legislature by me.

SENATOR KOCH: One other question, Senator Chambers. Do you believe that district elections are going to remove the discriminatory philosophy of certain people even though they may be elected by district?